

National Republican LOCAL AFFAIRS

A DUTYFUL QUESTION.—As the campaign for our city elections is just opened, it would be well to examine candidates in reference to the integrity of their character, on either side of the City Hall. We trust that the very city government will be compelled to grapple with these gales. Some weeks ago it occurred to somebody that the following question, "Angels will be faithful by opening gates that would admit the elements of evil, through an evil generation, instead of climbing the staircase, over which an evil generation, plodded their way without murmuring, said their locomotive power was weakened past recovery. It was a long time before the majority of the public learned the use of those gates. The other residents seemed to scorn them as a futile innovation, and they persisted in having their gates and doors open at the corners of the City Hall.

But the younger and more impetuous portion of the community were far from being content with their way, and they passed through the gates with alacrity, saving themselves much climbing, until the gates were shut in the Judiciary Square and the crowd that came at will in this District found access to the grounds through the iron gates. Here was a difficulty. The gates were closed on the ground and the city officials tried to force their way through the gates, but they were not so successful in fastening the gates. The gates were fastened at first with small nails. Then some stronger fastenings were used, but the fastenings were found to be so weak that the gates were again opened and again closed the leader before the officials, who were dressed in impounding the stray cattle according to law, or of attaching weights to the gates that should cause them to be self-closing, and so they have constructed stronger fastenings.

Some ingenious old boys lie in wait in front of the City Hall, remaining upon the chance of a change in the policy of the last policy adopted by the Corporation, and at every other minute the luckless people who go to work and so hard to learn and so hard to unlearn go lumbering at the gates and turning their footsteps over the stairs, causing the incoherence of city gates and gate keepers. We have no doubt that if proper efforts were made a city government could be elected capable of grappling with this question—a government that could take the gates by the horns, and would not be bullied by them into shutting the gates of progress after they had once opened them. The coming city election might be allowed upon this as well as any other issue now before our citizens.

Religious.—To-morrow, being the second Sunday in May, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the First Baptist Church, Thirteenth street, between G and H—Rev. Dr. Gillette, pastor. This is the very oldest Baptist society in the metropolis. By request of the Board of Temperance, Rev. J. C. Smith, D. D., will preach a discourse to them and his congregation on the subject, in the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, to which all are invited. Morning hour of service, 11 o'clock. The church is on Ninth street, between G and H.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN

JEFF. DAVIS INDICTED FOR TREASON.—The failure of Bayne & Co. The Choicest in New York City. THE MARKETS.

INTRICACIES OF CONSPIRACY.—Yesterday Mr. Koch, of Military Hall, in D. street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, entertained the members of Franklin's Regiments Company with a substantial repast, in consideration of their splendid services in extinguishing the fire which destroyed the Tontine restaurant, ten doors from Military Hall, yesterday morning. Last evening the Franklin boys were invited to Mr. Koch with a band of music and serenaded him very handsomely. The Franklin boys were invited to Military Hall by Mr. K. and partook of a collation prepared in his best style.

THE CHOICE IN NEW YORK QUANTITIES.—New York, May 11.—The result of the failure of Bayne & Co., of this city, already known to the public as the prime cause of the failure of the Merchants' National Bank of Washington, proves to have been more disastrous, financially, than at first supposed. Four of our city banks at least are affected. One of the oldest and most reliable is said to have lost about \$200,000, which will not enable it to carry its dividends for a time. One is said to have lost \$100,000 by the same operations, and besides these losses, many private individuals have lost largely.

THE NATIONAL UNION CLUB.—The following is the list of officers and platform of principles of the NATIONAL UNION CLUB of Washington, D. C.: Officers of the National Union Club. PRESIDENT, Hon. ALEX. W. RANDALL, of Wisconsin. VICE PRESIDENTS, Hon. DANIEL W. WOODRUFF, of Minnesota. Hon. J. K. KUDRICK, of Illinois. Hon. WM. F. JOHNSON, of Pennsylvania. SECRETARY, SAM'L B. KAUFER, of Pennsylvania. TREASURER, J. B. FERGUSON, of Tennessee. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, C. K. BITTENHOUSER, (President National Bank of Commerce, and of the firm of Bittenhouse, Fowler & Co.) Hon. GEORGE CLAY SMITH, of Kentucky. Hon. THOMAS N. STILWELL, of Indiana. Hon. W. A. BURLEIGH, of Decatur.

WANTED.—A COLORED GIRL.—Wanted a colored girl, between Third and Fourth streets, and Pennsylvania avenue and G street.

AMUSEMENTS

GROVER'S THEATRE.—LORDS GROVER & CO., DIRECTORS. LORAIN GROVER & CO., MANAGERS. THE FAIRY AND THE LITTLE GLASS SLIPPER.

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THE GREAT NATIONAL FAIR.—The Lady Directors of the National Soldiers' and Sailors' Grand Fair will commence to hold a Fair in this city on the 10th day of May next, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the support and maintenance of the National Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, and other similar institutions in the respective States and Territories. The Ladies will meet at Wesley Chapel, corner of F and Fifth streets, on SATURDAY, MAY 13th, at 10 o'clock, p. m., and from 10 to 11 o'clock, p. m., and from 11 to 12 o'clock, p. m.

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